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Time honored

Experience and recognition — that's what you get when you've been going a good job for a long time.

When you are the naval flight officer with the most time on the job, the experience comes on its own, but the recognition comes with the Gray Owl award. The award is given to the naval flight officer (NFO) on active duty with the greatest seniority.

This coveted trophy, which Grumman Aerospace sponsors, was given to Capt. Randolph Rhodes by Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air Warfare Vice Adm. Wesley McDonald. The ceremony was held in Washington, D.C., on June 2.

Rhodes enlisted in the Navy in 1951, was commissioned in 1953 and designated an NFO the following year.

All of Grumman's four Navy aircraft must fly with one or more NFOs on board and Rhodes explained how important these officers have become to the Navy.

"At first, the naval aviator program was just for pilots," he said. "But it soon became clear that there was a need for a technician as well as a pilot in the airplane, particularly with regard to precision bombing, radar operation, tactical coordination, command and control, airborne early warning and other weaponry and electronic functions."

This is only the second presentation of the annual Gray Owl award. A Gray Eagle award is presented yearly to the senior pilot on active duty.

Wings of experience. *Capt. Randolph Rhodes (C), was 'pleased and proud' to receive the Navy's Gray Owl award, which Grumman sponsors. Presenting the award were Vice Adm. Wesley McDonald, deputy chief of Naval Operations for Air Warfare, and Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla.*

Elite group. *Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla (L) presents a special F-14 1,500 flight hours patch to Lt. Cdr. Bill Lindner of NAVPRO on the Calverton Operations flight line. Less than 50 naval aviators have achieved this milestone.*

Professionally speaking

Michael D'Agostino has been named a Fellow in the American Nuclear Society (ANS).

D'Agostino, director of Nuclear and Astrophysics Research at Grumman's Research and Development Center, was honored by the ANS at its 28th annual meeting last month in Los Angeles, California.

This honor is bestowed only on ANS members attaining outstanding accomplishment in the nuclear field. D'Agostino was cited for "significant contributions and leadership in promoting nuclear technology research for the needs of the aerospace industry."

Michael D'Agostino

Taking command

Jim Middleton, a production control coordinator in Plant 2, has been elected American Legion Nassau County Commander for the year 1982-83.

Middleton, a Grummanite for nearly 34 years, is a World War II veteran. He served as a crew chief on B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft.

"It's a big thrill to win the honor," says Middleton. "It's taken me nearly 35 years, and I plan to do a good job."

As county commander, he will head Nassau County's 58 posts with nearly 9,000 members.

calendar

Aikido Club: every Wed., 5 p.m., Recreation bldg. Beginners class, Guests welcome. M. Brooks, Ext. 115-6171/H. Brondo, Ext. 2719

Alcoholics Anonymous: every Mon., 4:30 p.m., Pl. 15, conference room C, closed meetings; Personnel Relations, Ext. 3521, Calverton: Chemical Dependency Discussion Group, every Mon., 4-5 p.m., Guard Hdq.; open meeting. Personnel, 369-6759, C. Robb, Ext. 117-7038

Amateur Radio Club: every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Plant 5 conference room BD-1, 5 p.m. D. Townes, Ext. 2889

Coin Club: (Calverton) every Fri., noon lunch, Pl. 6 conference room. W. Kondratowicz, Ext. 6680

Computer Club: 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, Recreation bldg., 5 p.m. Computer discussion and demonstration/ beginner to advanced programming. Guests welcome. J. Hayne, Ext. 5556/ P. Frumkin, Ext. 2797

Dance Club: every Wed., 5-8 p.m., Recreation bldg. Guests welcome. G. Cupolo, Ext. 4155

Equestrian Club: every weekday, Saddle Brook Farm, E. Northport, 6 p.m. Mon., Aug. 2 the second session of lessons begins. New members are welcomed. Grumman employees and immediate family only. J. Eisenhower, 115-6003

Fencing Club: every Wed., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Recreation bldg. Free instructions, guests welcome. J. Hayne, Ext. 5556/ P. Chaldaris, Ext. 3638

Folk Dancer's Club: (Calverton) every Thurs., 2nd floor, Pl. 6, lunchtime, Grumman employees only. J. Hamelman, Ext. 117-6835

Grumman Family Campers: Fri., Aug. 13 thru Sun., Aug. 15, Cedar Point. Guests welcome. B. Ingersoll, Ext. 364-3884/ J. Perrotta, Ext. 5851

Grumman Ski Club: Wed., Aug. 11, Tiki Lounge, Deer Park Ave, N. Babylon, 8:30 p.m. Guests welcome. A. Garmendia, Ext. 7819/8910

Karate Club: every Tues. and Thurs., Recreation bldg., beginners 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., advanced 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., black belt instructors, physical and mental development; guests welcome. T. Ortiz, Ext. 4555

Model Railroad Society: every Wed., 7 p.m., Recreation bldg. Regular meeting. Guests welcome. R. Muntz, Ext. 8896

Photography Club: Mon., Aug. 9, Recreation bldg., 5 p.m. Guests welcome. A. Seidon, Ext. 6492

Roller Skating Club: every Thurs., Levittown Skating Rink, 7:30 to 11 p.m. Lessons 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome. H. Denen, Ext. 2291

Stamp Club: First three Wed. of every month; 5-6 p.m., Pl. 35 cafeteria; trading sessions and discussion. S. Hoops, Ext. 3926/8586

Gone fishin'

Summer vacations are on tap for the Plane News staff. There will be no issue published August 13; the next edition of Plane News will be Friday, August 27.

$23-M pact refuels KA-6D program

Today's worldwide political tensions dictate that the Navy's high performance jets must fly long-distance missions. To meet that ever-increasing demand, the Navy recently made an initial award of $23 million to Grumman Aerospace for KA-6D tanker aircraft programs.

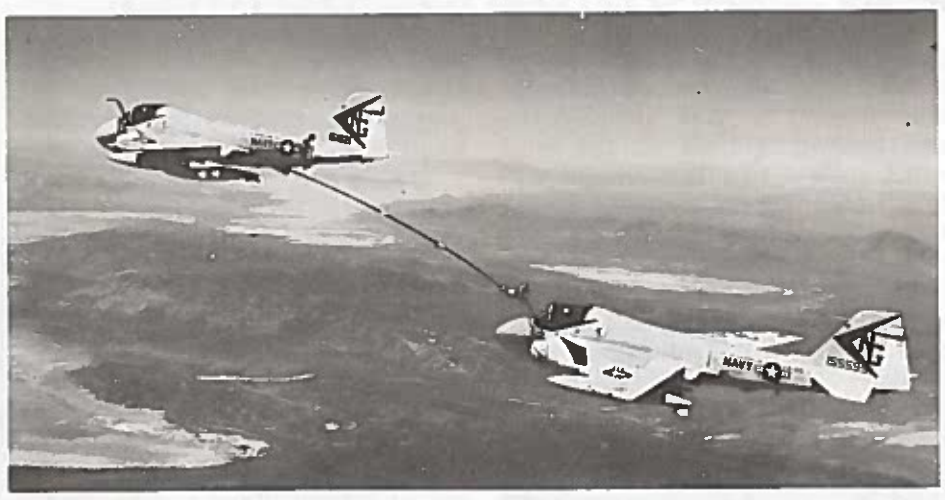
"This new contract covers material and non-recurring costs for conversion of eight Navy/Grumman A-6E medium attack aircraft to KA-6D tankers and for overhaul of eight existing KA-6Ds," says Collins, A-6/KA-6D program director.

"Total KA-6D program cost is expected to be $300 million for work on 89 aircraft over the next eight years," reports Collins. Included are 40 conversions from A-6E to KA-6D tankers and 49 overhauls of existing tankers, of which 15 aircraft will be rewinged.

Since the KA-6D went into service in 1970, Grumman and the Navy have produced about 70 of the tankers — all converted from A-6A attack aircraft. The tanker carries 20,000 pounds of transfer fuel and is used to refuel other aircraft in flight. In addition, the KA-6D is capable of carrying five 300-gallon drop tanks. Its fuel capacity will be increased further when the Navy approves new 400-gallon drop tanks for the KA-6D.

Transforming an Intruder into a KA-6D tanker requires extensive modifications.

Located in the lower aft section, the "birdcage" which houses the A-6 flight control and communication avionics needs structural rework to accept the tanker package. This package includes the pipe and basket that extends to thirsty aircraft when they fuel up in mid-flight.



Air to Air. *KA-6D tanker refuels an Intruder over the California coast. Both planes are from U.S. S. Constellation squadron VA-165.*

The avionics formerly installed in the "birdcage" is moved up to the nose section after A-6E attack systems have been removed. The cockpit is modified to accommodate the new tanker system and updated flight instrumentation. New fuel cells are replaced, too.

"In addition, the aircraft will have all new wiring and new cable assemblies installed," says John Hughes who was recently named KA-6D program manager.

"The Navy wants its tanker fleet to be highly reliable and maintainable," states Hughes. With this in mind, all the tankers — both converted and overhauled — will undergo Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM). "Super" SDLM with additional updates and overhaul requirements will be performed on certain aircraft. In addition, 15 aircraft will be rewinged from tip to tip including new fuselage structures.

The KA-6D program will involve Grummanites working at numerous company facilities. Bethpage Operations is producing structural and detailed parts. Great River Operations is manufacturing the boxes and panels, while the cables, assemblies and structural parts for the tanker package are being made by Stuart Operations. Milledgeville Operations is on line for composite work.

Grumman St. Augustine Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Grumman Aerospace, will perform the conversion and overhaul of the tankers at its Florida facility under subcontract to Aerospace.

"The first aircraft will be inducted into the conversion line at St. Augustine in October 1983," reports Hughes. First flight is slated for late 1984 at St. Augustine.

About the cover

When the naval air arm gets thirsty, the KA-6D is ready to deliver. On the cover, an A6 Intruder gets set to fill 'er up in mid-flight.

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Captain Buehler takes over helm in NAVPRO change of command

"This is an assignment I really wanted," says Captain Roy Buehler, the new commanding officer of the Naval Plant Representative Office (NAVPRO) at Bethpage. "I've been associated with Grumman in various capacities since 1967, and I'm glad to be here."

In a change of command ceremony at Calverton on July 16, Capt. Buehler succeeded Capt. Richard Breckon as the head of NAVPRO. Capt. Breckon's new assignment is commanding officer of the Naval Air Rework Facility in Norfolk, Virginia. Rear Admiral Roger Johnson of Naval Air Systems Command conducted the ceremony.

Change of command. *Capt. Roy Buehler (L) takes over as commanding officer of NAVPRO from Capt. Richard Breckon (R). (Photo by Jim Wagner)*

Resume

After graduation from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in 1967 and service with the Carrier Suitability Branch-Flight Test Division, Capt. Buehler was designated an Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer in 1969. Assignments since then have included F-14 Assistant Class Desk for Test and Evaluation at the Naval Air Systems Command, F-14 Technical Advisor to the Imperial Iranian Air Force, and F-18 Program Manager and Director, Systems Engineering Test Directorate at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River.

He holds masters degrees in aeronautical engineering and material management from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey.

Capt. Buehler has logged hours in many Grumman airplanes. "I've flown the F-11-F, the F-14, the E-2, C-2, and the A-6," he says. "I even did my flight training in a Grumman plane — the F-9F."

But he does have a favorite: the F-11F Tiger. "That was a terrific plane," he says. "It was like a sports car!"

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Sharing secrets, problems, smiles -- one-on-one

A lot of people go through life aware that the world is treating them well. Some promise that one day they'll help somebody who is not as fortunate.

Grummanites John Scannello and Donna White didn't just think about doing something — they went out and did it. John became a Big Brother, and Donna became a Big Sister.

"I've been very lucky. . .good parents, very comfortable, happy childhood, good home, education," says John. "I just decided to give something back to the local community. I looked around and found that Big Brothers/Big Sisters was an ideal way for me to contribute."

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a nationwide nonprofit organization that matches adult volunteers with children of single-parent homes.

Buddies. *Big Brother John Scannello shows Little Brother Robert Young the Tomcat cockpit during a recent visit to Calverton.*

The one-to-one volunteer to child ratio is at the heart of the program's success.

Volunteers spend a few hours a week being a friend to their Little Brother or Sister. They might go shopping, fishing, or to a ball game, but what they do together is not the important part. They are building a relationship that helps boost a child's self-esteem and gives the youngster somebody to look up to, confide in, and brag about.

John has been building a relationship with his Little Brother, Robert Young, for a little over a year. "Robert was quiet when we first met," says his Big Brother, who works in Plant 1 Configuration/ Data Management as a configuration engineer. "But as we got to know each other, he warmed up."

John and his teenage friend spend several hours a week together. They share an interest in target shooting, camping, movies, and video arcades. "It really doesn't matter what we have planned," admits John. "It's the quality of the time we spend together."

His Little Brother's mother and his other relatives have seen definite changes in the teenager since he's been palling around with his Big Brother. "His grades have improved greatly, and his family and friends have noticed that his self image is much better," reports Big Brother John. "I'm a physical fitness addict, and John has become one too. He's become more athletic, and he took it upon himself to shed 40 pounds."

Donna White has been working with her Little Sister, April Alesi, since December. "Over the last few months we've become friends," says Donna who works in corporate headquarters' cashiers office. "April is not shy, but in the beginning, it was a little uncomfortable for both of us. We had to work hard at our relationship. Now I believe we've formed a good bond. She trusts me."

Friends. *Big Sister Donna White and Little Sister April Alesi have known each other since December 1981.*

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization goes to great lengths to make sure that matches such as John and Robert and Donna and April are compatible.

Volunteers must fill out a detailed application form. After an interview to determine the adult's interests and the type of youngster the volunteer would work best with, a social worker discusses the cases of several single-parent children with the applicant.

Together, the social worker and volunteer decide on the Little Brother/Little Sister who'd be just right. The adult is then introduced to the youngster and his parent by a member of the staff. Special orientation is also provided by the organization.

Both John and Donna admit that being a Big Brother or Big Sister demands a lot of patience and understanding — but the effort is slight compared to the rewards.

"It's a two-way street," states John. "I get a lot more fulfillment in being a Big Brother to Robert than if I sat back and donated $1,000 to a local charity. I feel more involved — I have a friend."

You can make a difference

The need for an organization like Big Brothers/Big Sisters is evident. Consider these facts:

- In the U.S.A., over 12 million children live with only one parent.
- There are over 40,000 single parent children in Nassau County alone. Sixty seven percent of the children are white; 31 percent are black or Hispanic.
- Single-parent kids are four times as likely to quit school.
- Single-parent kids are six times as likely to be arrested.
- A study of 400 kids in Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Detroit showed: 90 percent made more friends; 82 percent improved their school conduct; 91 percent improved their self images; 100 percent improved on scholastic achievement tests.

A child is waiting

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is always looking for volunteers and stands ready to help children of single-parent Grummanites. Sometimes youngsters must wait months before they are matched with an adult volunteer.

If you are interested in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, call one of the following telephone numbers:

Nassau County	— (516) 489-7440.
Suffolk County	— (516) 864-1313.
Milledgeville	— (912) 452-3911.
Stuart	— (305) 832-0995.

If you live outside of the above areas, the number of the local chapter of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters can be found in the Yellow Pages. National headquarters for the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of America is at 117 South 17th Street, Suite 1200, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Telephone number is (215) 567-2748.

Tiger for intreprid *A Grumman F-11-F Tiger is hoisted into place onboard the U.S.S. Intrepid. The floating sea-air-space museum will be open to the public on August 4. It is anchored at Pier 86 at West 46 St., Manhattan. (Photo by Jim Prestinari)*

Quality circles spin off 45 groups in 11 areas

In April 1981, Grumman Aerospace initiated its quality circle program with seven circles. Today that number has grown to 45.

Last month, 11 Grummanites volunteered to become quality circle leaders after they completed the extensive leader training program. As a result, 11 six new quality circles were set up in Grumman Aerospace.

Today there are 16 circles meeting weekly in Manufacturing, nine in Great River, six in Integrated Logistics Support (ILS), three in Material Management, three in Personnel and Administration, two in Engineering, two in Procurement, and one apiece in Facilities, Quality Operations, Resources, and Stuart Operations.

Some of the problems that quality circle members have researched and solved are: improving the routine for labeling shelves in stockrooms; editing forms to make them clearer and more concise; reviewing old Grumman procedures and issuing new ones; reviewing and updating operation sheets; improving intra-department communications; and improving the work environment. "Cash savings and increased productivity have resulted," reports Fran Higgins of Personnel's Quality of Work Life Program.

If your department is interested in learning more about quality circles, call Higgins on Ext. 8305. She can arrange for a special management presentation for your group.

obituaries

WILLIAM S. MAGGIA of Food Service, Pl. 43, died July 2 at the age of 60. He had been with the company since 1967 and resided at 154 Helene St., Islip Terrace.

LEROY H. JONES of Sub Assembly, Pl. 2, died July 6 at the age of 62. He had been with the company since 1965 and resided at 265 Frederick Ave., Roosevelt.

LOUISE KAUFMAN of Elect. Box and Pan Fab., Pl. 44, died July 11 at the age of 62. She had been with the company since 1963 and resided at 217 Wilson St., W. Hempstead.

Personals

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who offered their sympathy and kindness during the recent loss of my husband. Johanna Woods and Family

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Donald L. Evans, Field Ops. Special Projs. (289)
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Say 'cheese!' New badge to debut next month

Grumman isn't going to deputize you, but you are going to get a new badge.

Beginning early next month, Corporate Security will start photographing Grummanites for their new identification badges. As soon as all the badges, color film and magnetic encoding devices arrive, says Millard Inglee, Security will start making badges for the Grummanites in Plant 2.

"I think it will take about a year to take care of everyone in the Bethpage complex," he says. Eventually, everyone in the Grumman Corporation will have one of the new badges.

Diminishing returns

They are being issued for a number of reasons. "The badges haven't been changed in about 15 years," explains Inglee. 'With turnover, we don't always get the badges back. There are thousands of badges out with people who are no longer Grumman employees."

Then, too, the present badges don't stand up very well, especially during the winter months when they see double duty as ice scrapers. The new badges will be able to withstand more punishment and, consequently, save a lot of money. "A tremendous number of badges are replaced on a daily basis," says Inglee.

The shape of the new badges will be about the same as the present ones. The difference will be the colors used and the addition of the magnetic stripes.

Living color

All the lettering and outlining will be in Grumman blue. The color photographs will have red or blue backgrounds. The red background indicates that the individual has a security clearance; blue is for those who have no clearance.

For the near future, at least, only manufacturing areas will be making use of the magnetic stripe on the backs of the badges. A computer-based cost tracking system being set up in manufacturing plants such as Plant 2 needs the magnetic stripes to track the fabrication of parts.

"We decided to put mag stripes on all the badges," says Inglee, "in case some areas decide to use them later on."

At Calverton, Rear Admiral Roger Johnson of the Naval Air Systems Command (2nd R) presented Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla (2nd L) with the Secretary of Navy's Energy Conservation award for fiscal year 1981. Also at the presentation were: Executive Vice President-Operations John O'Brien (L), and Captain Richard Breckon, commanding officer of NAVPRO. The award is given annually to the best contractor-operated naval industrial facility with the best performance in energy conservation.

The secretary cited Calverton "for superior achievement in energy conservation through innovative energy management, successful use of energy efficient equipment and outstanding awareness and application of energy conservation principals — setting a worthy example for the entire naval community."

Family Picnic '82: 'The older and to many, it was hot dog heaven

At every Grumman Family Picnic for the past 14 years, Joe and Sandie Bolze have been hanging up the same old ratty blanket between two trees. The blanket, its binding raveled and the fluffiness promised by the manufacturer a memory, has their last name printed on it in two-foot high letters.

"We have six kids," explains Sandie. "They were really little when we first started coming to the picnics, and we'd hang up the blanket so they could find their way back to the table."

Only their two youngest came to the picnic with them this year, "and they're old enough to find their way back without help," says Joe, who works in Plant 6. "But we still hang up the blanket anyhow — it's for tradition."

Tom White of Plant 1 figures he's missed only two picnics in the past 21 years. Maureen Diamond, 17, says her dad (Bob Diamond, Plant 6) has been bringing her to the picnic every year since she was a baby. Eugene Day of Plant 6 hasn't missed one since 1967.

"I guess I know maybe two dozen people here, scattered all over," says Eugene. "I go table hopping to visit them all."

The table he was visiting was occupied by the considerable family of John Turner, also of Plant 6. "The Turners are like bananas — they come in bunches," said Eugene. It was the first picnic for John's newborn grandchild Courtney, asleep under a tree.

After 41 years, the Grumman Family Picnic is a tradition that has staying power; a tradition that defies cynicism. People come simply because they want to.

"The older it gets, the better it gets," said Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla. "I think the picnic means more to us today than it did in the past. It's a demonstration of our cohesiveness across the board — from the youngest to the oldest."

Said Grumman Corporation Chairman Jack

it gets, the better it gets ...'

Bierwirth, "It's a chance just to get together as friends — to relax and put work aside for a day."

The weather was classic for mid-July on Long Island: hot, hazy, and humid. It reached 95 degrees soon after Skurla and Grumman Corporation President Joe Gavin raised the flag, officially opening the picnic. According to Employee Services director Charlie Fuschillo, more than 25,000 people crowded into the Calverton picnic grounds.

The music went on all day. The Grumman Employees Band and the Grumman Rock Band entertained the picnickers, as well as the St. Ignatius Girls Drum and Bugle Corps and the Long Island Minutemen Drum Corps. The kiddie show topped off the afternoon with clowns, a magician, marionettes, and even a rollerskating chimp.

Although there were plenty of organized games and scheduled entertainment, people — inspired by the heat — invented their own fun. Some discovered that the yellow plastic hardhats given away at the gate were a bit too warm as headgear, but just dandy when filled with cold water and tossed at an unsuspecting pal.

The blue balloons given away by the Industrial Safety and Hygiene department were filled up with water, too — for a pleasantly drippy game of catch.

It took a lot of fuel to keep all that activity going: tons of hot dogs, kegs of beer, and truckloads of soda, milk, and ice cream. Not to mention all the goodies people brought from home — bacon and eggs for breakfast, then barbecued chicken and hamburgers, potato salad, and watermelon.

If you weren't there, if you missed all that food and fun, you'll have to wait another year to start a tradition of your own. Like Christmas, your birthday, and the last day of school, the Grumman Family Picnic comes but once a year.

From kiddie rides to dixies, another perfect picnic

The mercury was pushing 95 degrees and the humidity was high, but the Grummanites who ran the food and beverage stands and operated the kiddie rides didn't seem to mind. In fact they all seemed to be having a good time.

"The crowds have been lighter than usual so far, but it's been fun," John Darden of Plant 6 said. "And I'm in the shade." He was however, surrounded by propane heaters that were warming him nearly as much as the hot dogs.

"We'll probably cook somewhere near 100,000 hot dogs today," Charles Benjamin of Plant 5 said.

The staff of the Medical Department faced the average assortment of picnic ailments.

"We had the usual bumps and bruises," said nurse Dessie Height of Plant 28. "There were a few cases of sunstroke, but other than that, things ran smoothly."

It was certainly a challenging day for those at the ice cream stand as they battled with melting dixie cups.

"With this weather, we have had a tough time keeping the ice cream cold," Ray Whelan of Plant 17 said. "We take out a few packages at a time and make sure that there is enough ice."

The soda stands were busy all day; kids and parents surrounded them as if they were oases.

"This is my first picnic and I'd do it again next year," said Rell Wine who works in Business Controls in Great River. "My friend told me how much fun it is so I called Employee Services and volunteered."

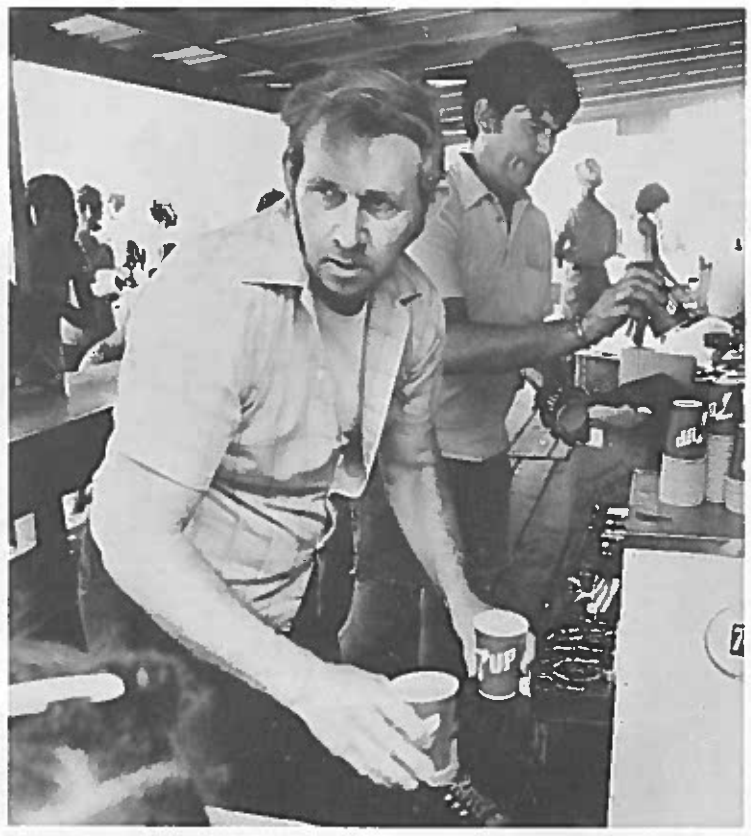
For operators of the milk stand, heat did not seem to pose a problem.

"This is the coldest spot at the picnic — we're surrounded by ice," said Frank Archacki of Plant 3.

What would a picnic be without beer? As to be expected, beer consumption was very good.

As a veteran of 38 Grumman picnics, all of them with the beer stand, Stan Miron is a real pro.

"I love beer, and I would never want to work anywhere else," says the group leader at Plant 21. "We'll go through anywhere from 170 to 220 kegs of beer during the picnic." Added Miron, "The important thing is never to run out of beer . . . and in all these years, that hasn't happened yet."



Cast of hundreds. *The efforts of more than 300 people insured the picnic's success. They came from the Facilities Maintenance department, Accounting, Industrial Safety and Hygiene, Medical, Transportation, Recreation, and more. (All photos by Fred Annete, Jim Prestinari, and Larry Van Wallendael)*

The way it was is still the way it is

Walking through the picnic grounds, Grumman Corporation President Joe Gavin commented that all picnics are much the same.

"If you compared pictures of Grumman picnics of years past with pictures from this one, the overall impression would be the same — even though all of the details would be different," he said.

These pictures, clockwise from top left, were taken in 1942, 1958, 1963, and 1974. The clothes are different, hair styles have changed, many of the kids now have kids of their own. Even if you spot some familiar faces in these pictures, the years of smiles and frowns have subtly changed and lined them.

But the overall impression of a family at a summer picnic hasn't changed very much at all in 41 years.

V. Palombella

C. Repko

G. Carey

G. Brittain Jr.

F. Winnes

P. Kolano Jr.

G. Hempel

A. Lisa

R. Schlegelmilch

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Walter M. Wermter, Struct. Test (5)
Theodore A. Kerpez, ILS Ops. Supp. (6)
Arthur F. Drake, Insp. Mach. Parts-Field (24)
Victor DiMattia, G.R. M/S (43)

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Warren C. Trott, Performance (1)
Gerald Windus, Operations (1)
James G. Russo, Steel Parts Assy. (2)
Anthony Munno, Mech. Struct & Proto. (2)
Anthony Ficarrotto, Mech. Struct & Proto. (2)
Fred J. Calfiro, Prod. Cntl-Parts Cntrl. (2)
Elwood L. Larson, Stockrooms (2)
Frank Psotta, Assemblies (3)
Peter J. Grudzinski, Final Assy. (3)
Howard J. Winkelman, Assemblies (3)
Ronald P. Nielsen, Prod. Superv. (3)
John Lapinski, Maint. Wast. Dispos. & Grond. (3)
Matthew Azoto, Insp-Mech. (3)
Eward Liencicki, Final Assy. Struct. (4)
Rudolph L. Brochhausen, Final Assy. Struct. (4)
Eugene A. Rossi, Assy. Methods (4)
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Tomcats slug Sikorsky; Bates blasts 4 HRs

The Tomcats used pure muscle. "Definitely," agrees manager Jack Keane. "The long ball made the difference."

The Grumman varsity softball team used muscle to win its third straight Grumman Invitational Tournament held in Cantiague Park, in Hicksville, Long Island. They used muscle to win four straight games, knocking off their long-time rivals and former national champions Sikorsky 18-11 in the final game of the tournament. The tournament was held July 9, 10, and 11.

The muscle was supplied by Tomcats Joe Collelouri, Bill DeWitt, Mike Gallo and Larry Bates in Sunday's final. Bates put on a real show in the final.

Each time Grumman's big right-centerfielder settled his imposing frame into the batter's box the spectators would hear this soft voice — after the shouts from his teammates faded off. The voice would sometimes come from the Grumman bench, sometimes from the bleachers, sometimes from the vicinity of the water fountain.

"Come on, Dad!"

With that bit of incentive from his daughter Sharon, Bates pounded pitch after Sikorsky pitch over the left field fence. Four homers he hit, the most he's ever hit in one game. Four homers to help win the Most Valuable Player trophy for the tournament. Four homers to power a tremendous Grumman hitting attack.

The Grumman squad took a few innings to warm up. Sikorsky had just beaten Avco Lycoming to win the loser's bracket and the right to face Grumman in the finals. They were ready to face Grumman and took off to a five run lead after the first inning.

Monster homer

Bob Beattie got Grumman's first hit with a single in the top of the second. Then Bates came to the plate. Some of the Avco players were overheard talking about a monster homer Bates had hit against them. They were about to get another view of one of his four-baggers. The shot he hit was almost as high as it was far. The Sikorsky left fielder could only watch it go over the fence.

Joe Collelouri then followed with a round-tripper of his own and the score was 5-3, Sikorsky.

Sikorsky wasn't that impressed, yet. They got one run back.

Both sides' bats did nothing in the third. Then, in the fourth, it was the duo of Beattie and Bates again accounting for a pair of runs. After Beattie singled, Bates smashed a long fly that just turned foul. The count went to three and one. On the next pitch he hit a long fly to the left that looked catchable. But a breeze began blowing across the infield toward left in the second inning and it gave Bates' high fly enough of a push to carry it over the left field fence.

Sikorsky still was not believing and their first batter in the fourth homered. Then, with none out, they had the bases loaded.

Sikorsky was trying to duplicate that knockout punch against Grumman. The Sikorsky batter smashed a liner. But third baseman Tony D'Ambrosio snared it.

The next batter then smashed another, this one back at Tom Marion. The pitcher made a great catch then threw to first. But the runner got back in time.

The next man singled to center scoring one. Mike Gallo fired to the plate but Marion cut it off and had a man hung up between second and third, with runners standing on the two bags. The Tomcats finally tagged the man in a rundown, but they allowed the man on third to score.

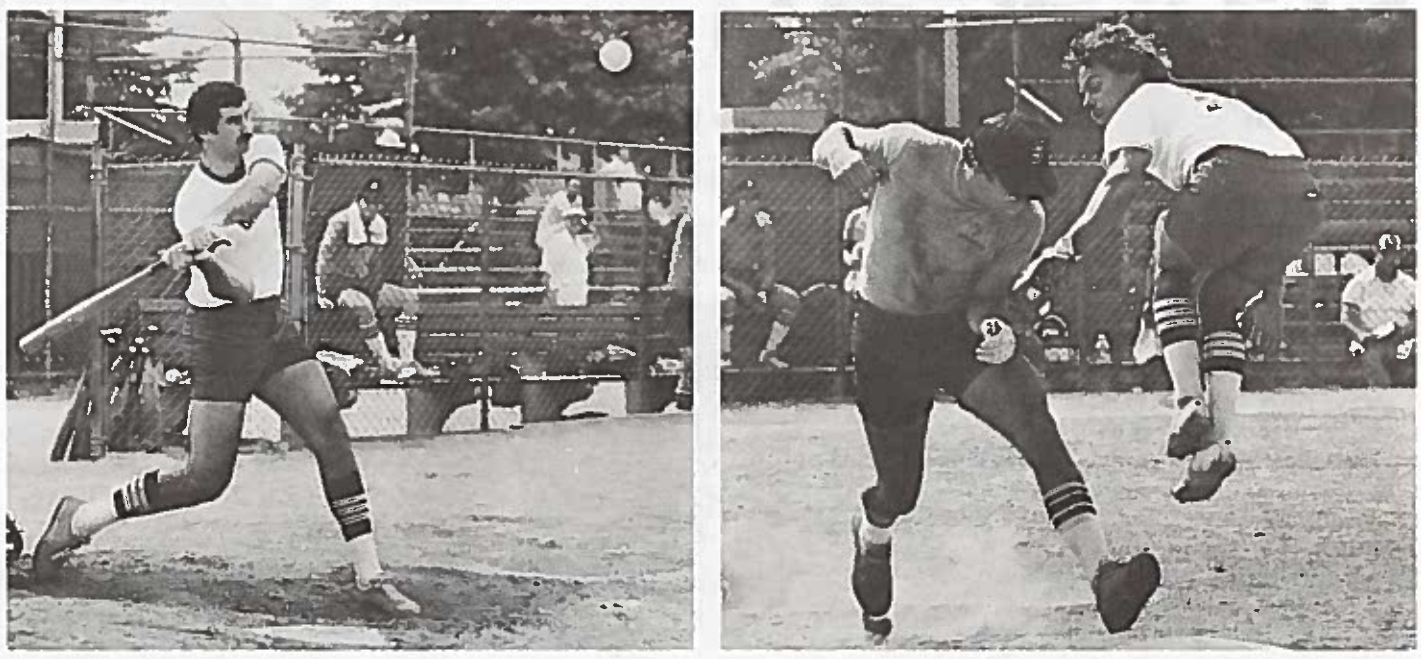
With one out in the top of the fifth, Grumman's Mark Cleary singled. Then Marion singled. Frank Straub grounded to second forcing Marion. Bill DeWitt then singled Cleary home, and Gallo took his place in the batter's box. The ball must have left a dent in the light pole behind the left field fence. The game was tied. The inning ended there but, as Jack Keane said, "That three-run homer really broke things up."

Fittingly, Bates led off the sixth and hit a line drive that simply rocketed past the fence in left center. Then Jay Johnson doubled, Cleary scored him with a single, took second on the throw home. Marion singled to right and Cleary scored, beating a throw to the plate, Marion advanced to second. Frank Straub singled home Marion and DeWitt belted a homer of his own to tally the sixth and seventh runs of the inning.

Sikorsky's bats stayed very quiet after all this and they scored two defiant runs in the last inning.

But Bates had one last word to get in before the game ended. He tantalized the crowd first with a long foul, then belted one for a personal record. "It was the first time I hit four in one game," said Bates. "I just got in a groove."

And Sharon's "Come on, Dad!" helped a little, too.



They're out! *Grumman varsity slugger Larry Bates (above L photo) blasts one of his four homers out of the park. Teammate Billy DeWitt in photo at R defies gravity to tag out Sikorsky baserunner. (Photos by Fred Annette)*

Women's winning streak halted at 46

The last time the Grumman Women's Varsity Softball team lost a ball game was 1979. Forty-six victories later, their remarkable streak came to an abrupt stop as the Pioneers avenged an early season defeat at the hands of the Grummanites, only to come back with vengeance by winning 10-3.

Finding the competition easy the past three seasons, the Grummanites moved to an open division of league play, taking on more challenging teams. Thus far, the team has produced six victories and the one lone defeat.

The Grummanites started the season by defeating the Smithtown Bullets by a score of 4-0. Barbara Musco collected two hits while knocking in two runs.

The following game lasted 10 innings, with Grumman outlasting Total Management 5 to 4. Ann Viscount collected three hits, while teammates Robin Fey, Diane Vallmer and Musco each chipped in two hits each. Bonnie Dressler pitched the whole way in gaining her victory.

The Outlaws were to be Grumman's next victims, as they lost by an 8-3 count. Pat Davis, Joan Coady, Linda Schrage, Vicki Cecere lead the 14 hit attack with each picking up two hits apiece.

In an extremely close game, the Grummanites escaped with a 3-2 victory over the Pioneers in their next outing. Keying the victory was the strong pitching of Coady, and the two RBI's of Dressler.

Grumman continued its winning ways as they again defeated Smithtown Bullets 8-0 behind Karen Parrinello's three hits.

The second meeting of the season with the Pioneers provided Grumman with their only setback since 1979, as they were outslugged 10-3.

There are still many games left in the Women Varsity's schedule. Grummanites and their families are invited to watch some exciting softball. Upcoming games include: August 2: Pioneers at Tudor Field; August 9: Total Management at Tudor Field; August 10: Smithtown Bullets at Smithtown. All games begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the remaining schedule, call Ken Kretschman, Ext. 2466.

scorecard

Lily lover

Pete Mirabella was the lone representative of Bethpage Operations when he entered the Garden Forum's Great River Operations Flower Show on July 15. "He might have been the only entrant, but he really walked away with the top prizes," says Marie Bennett, show director. "His lilies were out of this world."

Pete who works in Plant 2's Pattern shop won best in show for his day lily. "I just started growing them two years ago," he says. "For over 20 years, I've been involved with rhododendron and azaleas. I decided my home needed some summer blooms; I selected lilies."

Obviously, Pete is not suffering sophomore slump when it comes to growing the pale orange flowers. His entry — a hybrid of the wild lilies found flourishing on roadsides — beat out over 55 other exhibit entries.

Other winners of the Great River show are (in order of placement):

Seasonal singles and sprays — Pete Mirabella, Karl Hagen, Tom Trifaro, Terri Troiano.

Roses — Roy Goddard, Marie Bennett, Betty McLean.

African Violets — Margaret Johnson, Fred Work, Bob Ballarine.

Vegetables — Jo Matters, Dennis Winkler, Marie Bennett.

Arrangements — Carmen Russo, Georgia Adams, Karl Hagen, Ray Perticaro.

Novice — Ray Perticaro, Pete Mirabella, Ralph Castro, Tom Trifaro.

House Plants and Hanging Baskets — Clara Wilson, Lynn Rocca, Viola Law, George Turnquist, Grace Lamberson, Dennis Winkler.

Special award — Georgia Adams, Ray Perticaro, Jo Matters.

Pete Mirabella

What's in a name?

Milledgeville's varsity softball team is good; so good that the squad leads the Milledgeville's Industrial league with a 17-0 record. They also won the Washington County Invitational Tournament on the weekend of June 26 and 27.

Ben Hodges, Glenn Hopson and Kenny Murphy each had a pair of hits in the final against Baldwin Body Shop. The Plant 66 team won 15-9.

There's no doubt the team is chock full of skill. But they must terrify their opponents. Put yourself in the spike shoes of one of their rivals. How would you feel facing players with nicknames like Pedro "Death from Above" Tamayo?

Great getaways

Grumman Recreation still has openings for vacationers interested in going to Antigua or to Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Williamsburg package includes bus transportation, two nights accommodations, one meal, and admissions to Colonial Williamsburg restoration and Jamestown festival. The trip takes place September 10-12. Cost is based upon occupancy per room: single, $235; double, $195; and triple, $185.

Grummanites also have the opportunity to visit Antigua from November 20 to 27. This travel package includes: round-trip jet transportation, accommodations at Halcyon Cove, water sports, tennis, cocktail party. Cost is only $599 per person. Golf at Cedar Valley, horseback riding, sailing, deep sea fishing, and gaming at the newly opened Halcyon Cove casino are available; optional meal plans range from $56 to $224.

You can sign up for these two trips at the Recreation office in Plant 28A. Call Ext. 2133 or 2269 for more information.

Mixed Pinehurst

The final Mixed Pinehurst golf tourney of the year tees off Wednesday, August 28, at Bethpage State Park.

Cost is $7 per golfer; $14 for a team. To sign up, call Mike Cherry of Recreation, Ext. 2133. The field is limited to 60 golfers.

Up your alley

Teams consisting of two male and two female bowlers are now being formed for the Gold Mixed League. The new season starts on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the County Line Bowl lanes in Farmingdale.

If you are interested in bowling with this league, call Gene Harms, Ext. 4229 or John Klaus, Ext. 115-6034.

Hole-in-one

A longtime champion of Mixed Pinehurst competition, Pete Obedzinski made his first hole-in-one at the Hauppauge Country Club on July 6.

He used a three iron on the 184-yard 16th hole to accomplish the golfing feat. Playing with him on the eventful night were fellow members of the Grumman Program Management Golf League: Armond Affe, Tony Ingoglia and Carl Paladino.

Fair enough

Grumman Recreation is still taking reservations for the September 8-13 bus trip to The 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The package is $335 per person based on double occupancy; it includes transportation, five nights accommodations; admission to Luray Caverns, Jefferson's home at Monticello, two days at the fair, and more.

Call Recreation, Ext. 2133/ 2269, for more information.

Mets magic

Grumman Recreation is selling discount tickets to the N.Y. Mets-Atlanta Braves baseball game on Friday, August 27 at 8 p.m.

Admission is $5.50; bus transportation is available for $3.50. For tickets, stop by the Recreation office in Plant 28A or call Ext. 2133.

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